

Embassy of the United States of America

Kuwait City, Kuwait

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MEMORANDUM

To: All American Wardens

From: Consular Section

Subject: Warden Notice 2008 – 8

Please circulate the following message, which was sent by U.S. Embassy Baghdad without additions or omissions immediately to all American citizens within your area of responsibility.

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Previously it had been mandatory for all personnel under the authority of the Chief of Mission to wear body armor, helmet and protective eyewear when outside. This is no longer necessary however it is still recommended to keep Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) readily available in living quarters. Limitations regarding movement outside of hardened structures have also been lifted for Chief of Mission employees.

The Department of State continues to strongly warn U.S. Citizens against travel to Iraq, which remains very dangerous. For the latest security information, Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov> where the Travel Warning for Iraq http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_921.html and Iraq Country Specific Information http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1144.html and the Worldwide Caution may be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States, or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The Consular Section for the Embassy in Baghdad can be reached at the following numbers: Landline: 1-240-553-0589, Iraqna cellular phone: 07901-191-0058/57/56/54/53/52/49/48. They can also be reached by e-mail at usconsulbaghdad@state.gov or by accessing the U.S. Embassy's website at <http://iraq.usembassy.gov>. The after-hours numbers in case of extreme emergency are Iraqna 0790-657-3461 or GSM 914-822-5493.

End Text.

American citizens with any questions or concerns may telephone the Embassy at 259-1581, 259-1583 or 259-1240. In case of an emergency outside business hours, American citizens may reach the Embassy duty officer by calling 259-1001.

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This message may be accessed on the Embassy website, <http://kuwait.usembassy.gov>. American citizens in Kuwait who would like to receive future Warden Messages from the Embassy directly by e-mail may sign up for this service by sending an e-mail to the following address: join-wardenmessagekuwait@mh.databack.com

American citizens resident and visiting in Kuwait who are not registered with the Embassy, or whose registration information has changed, are urged to register as soon as possible. They may now do so on-line at the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs' website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/home.asp>

Please note that the Consular Section is closed for American and most local holidays. The current list of holiday schedule for the year 2008, may be viewed via the link below: <http://kuwait.usembassy.gov/holidays.html>